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SUBJECT: 1971 CHEVROLET FULLY-ARMORED VEHICLE

ANKARA FOR RSO, ATHENS FOR OIC/TSO, FRANKFURT FOR RSS,
OIC/RTC; FROM A/SY/OPS/T

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1. UPON RECEIPT OF THE 1976 CHRYSLER FULLY-ARMORED
VEHICLE, A/SY WILL NO LONGER SUPPORT THE 1971 CHEVROLET
FULLY-ARMORED VEHICLE. A/SY IS IN THE PROCESS OF PHASING
OUT AND DISPOSING THE 1971 CHEVROLET VEHICLES DUE TO AGE,
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POOR MECHANICAL CONDITION, AND THE WEAKNESS IN THE TRANS-
PARENT ARMOR SYSTEM. AS NOTED IN REFERENCE C, THE TRANS-
PARENT ARMOR SYSTEM MAY NOT DEFEAT 9 MM PARABELLUM AMMUNI-
TION FIRED FROM A SUBMACHINE GUN. MORE RECENT BALLISTIC
TESTS HAVE CONFIRMED OUR INITIAL FINDINGS.

2. THE ANKARA VEHICLE DOES NOT, REPEAT NOT, HAVE AN

ARMORED WINDSHIELD. THE SIDE AND REAR TRANSPARENT ARMOR WILL NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION. IT WILL COST APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 14,000 TO INSTALL A NEW 9 MM TRANSPARENT ARMOR SYSTEM IN THE VEHICLE. THIS IS NOT PRACTICAL DUE TO THE AGE AND LIMITED FUTURE USEFULNESS OF THE VEHICLE.

3. BASED ON THE ABOVE, SUBJECT VEHICLE SHOULD BE DISPOSED OF UPON RECEIPT OF THE 1976 CHRYSLER. TSO ATHENS HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REMOVE THE SIDE AND REAR TRANSPARENT ARMOR AND RETURN THEM TO A/SY/OPS/T PRIOR TO DISPOSAL. THIS IS TO PREVENT THE VEHICLE FROM BEING MISTAKEN AS FULLY-ARMORED BY THE GOT OR OTHER RECIPIENT. OPR/ST WILL ISSUE APPROPRIATE SALES AUTHORIZATION.

4. IF THE POST STILL WISHES TO RETAIN THE VEHICLE, IT MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE SY INVENTORY THROUGH DISPOSAL (I.E., FURNISHED TO POST RECREATION COMMITTEE, ETC.). VEHICLE CANNOT, REPEAT NOT, BE TRANSFERRED FROM SY INVENTORY TO OPR INVENTORY. PRIOR TO TRANSFER, SIDE AND REAR TRANSPARENT ARMOR WILL BE REMOVED AS NOTED ABOVE TO PREVENT FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY GLASS MAY GENERATE. POST SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THIS WILL LEAVE VEHICLE WITHOUT ANY TRANSPARENT ARMOR SYSTEM. ALSO, MANY PARTS ON VEHICLE ARE OF THE HEAVY DUTY VARIETY AND ARE BECOMING MORE DIFFICULT TO LOCATE DUE TO DATE OF MANUFACTURE. WEIGHT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF ARMOR ON VEHICLE ALSO EXCELLERATES WEAR ON PARTS SUCH AS BRAKE LININGS, ETC.

5. IF POST CONCURS, A/SY IS PREPARED TO UPGRADE TRANSPARENT ARMOR ON SELECTED POST VEHICLE TO REPLACE 1971 CHEVROLET AND COUNTER EXISTING THREAT. PROPOSED TRANSPARENT ARMOR SYSTEM WOULD BE GAC-78/44 AND 8483636 INSERTS SIMILAR TO THOSE PROGRAMMED FOR PRINCIPAL OFFICER VEHICLES AT AMCONSULS ADANA, ISTANBUL, AND IZMIR (REFERENCE D). THIS WILL PROVIDE A BACKUP VEHICLE TO 1976 CHRYSLER.

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